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SUBJECT: MAY 5 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. MONDALE TRIP

VP ARRIVED JAKARTA FRI NIGHT ON THIRD LEG OF ASIAN TOUR;
MET AT AIRPORT BY VP MALIK/WIFE (REUTER JAKARTA).

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IN 2 DAYS TALKS W/THAI LEADERS, MONDALE DISCUSSED REFUGEE
PROBLEM/DEFENSE COMMITMENTS/NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING/AID. VP
INFORMED THAIS THAT US WILLING TAKE LEAD IN FINANCING LONG-
RANGE STUDY TO RESETTLE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. TO START,
US WILL PROVIDE UP TO 2 MIL DOLS/HELP ARRANGE INTL CONSORTIUM
OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DRAW UP PLAN. IF SUCCESSFUL,
MONDALE SAID US WILL ENLIST JAPAN/OTHERS IN RAISING "TENS OF
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS" TO COMPLETE RESETTLEMENT. "WE SEE
THIS AS ONE OF THE MOST HEARTBREAKING HUMAN PROBLEMS IN THE
WORLD. WE WANT TO BE OF HELP TO THAILAND AND WE WANT OTHERS

TO HELP, TOO," HE TOLD PM KRIANGSAK. US OFFICIALS SAID THEY HOPED THIS PROPOSAL/OFFER TO ACCEPT MORE REFUGEES WOULD BREAK DOWN THAI RESISTANCE TO SETTLEMENT REFUGEES IN THAILAND BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE FINANCING/SHOWING THAT OTHERS PREPARED SHARE BURDEN. ACCORDING NYT, THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE REACTION FROM RTG TO PROPOSAL (MELUNSKY, REUTER; NYT, BOTH BANGKOK).

IN 2-HR MTG W/KRIANGSAK, MONDALE ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT US WILL HONOR TREATY COMMITMENTS TO DEFEND SEASIA AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. AS 1ST SENIOR ELECTED US OFFICIAL VISITING THAILAND SINCE END OF WAR, VP'S MAIN GOAL WAS TO REASSURE THAIS OF WHAT ONE OFFICIAL IN PARTY CALLED "CONTINUITY"/"CONSTANCY" OF US POLICY IN SEASIA. VP PRESS SECY ALSO CONFIRMED MONDALE CONVEYED US WILLINGNESS FULFILL THAI REQUEST FOR PERMISSION BUY SQUADRON 18 F-5E'S AT ESTIMATED COST 90 MIL DOLS. FOLLOWING MTG, KRIANGSAK TOLD REPORTERS, US "STILL RESPECTS ITS COMMITMENT IN THIS REGION," CITING CONTINUED US SUPPORT FOR '54 MANILA PACT/'62 BILAT AGREEMENT IN WHICH US PLEDGED ASSIST THAILAND AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION (WP, BANGKOK).

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KRIANGSAK ALSO SAID US WOULD INCREASE AID TO RTG FOR ITS ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM, INCL HELICOPTERS/OTHER EQUIPMENT/CROP SUBSTITUTION. FOLLOWING TALKS, MONDALE/KRIANGSAK ATTENDED SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WHEREBY US WILL PROVIDE 5.5-MIL-DOL LOAN TO EXPAND/IMPROVE THAILAND RURAL HEALTH CARE.

ALSO INCLUDED IN 1ST DAY'S SCHEDULE FOR MONDALES WAS AUDIENCE W/KING/QUEEN, STATE DINNER AT GOVT HOUSE. FRIDAY VP VISITED REFUGEE TRANSIT CENTER WHERE HE TALKED TO REFUGEES BOUND FOR US (ALSO AP'S GRAY, PHINQ; AP, SUN, BOTH BANGKOK; WSJ).

BEFORE ARRIVAL THAILAND, MONDALE ENDED PHILS VISIT W/TRIP TO CORREGIDOR ISL. VP COMMEMORATED '42 BATTLE AS SYMBOL OF "SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS"/OF "CONTINUING INTEREST OF MY COUNTRY IN THIS VITAL PART OF THE WORLD." MARCOS SAID BOND CREATED BY CORREGIDOR FIGHT SO STRONG "NOT EVEN DEATH CAN DISSOLVE IT" (NYT BANGKOK). AS MONDALE LEFT FOR THAILAND, FILIPINO PRESS, ACCORDING WP (CORREGIDOR ISL), TEMPERED "GENERALLY GOOD IMPRESSION" VP MADE IN PHILS BY OBJECTING TO HIS RAISING OF HUMAN RTS ISSUE.

2. KOREA

KCNA REPORTS KIM IL SUNG, AT 5/4 BANQUET GIVEN IN

PYONGYANG FOR VISITING SEYCHELLES PRES RENE, SAID
PRESENCE FOM MIL BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN IS THREAT TO
REGIONAL SECURITY/DEMANDED THEIR W/DRAWAL (REUTER HK
5/4).

3. JAPAN

SPEAKING BEFORE JAPAN SOCIETY IN NY THURS, FUKUDA
WARNED WORLD STABILITY/PEACE COULD BE ENDANGERED BY
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PRESENT INTL ECON CRISIS. PM CONTINUALLY EMPHASIZED
NEED FOR FULL US-JAPAN COOPERATION IN ALL SPHERES/PROPOSED
ESTABLISHING JOINT FUND FOR ADVANCEMENT SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY/
NUKE ENERGY. REITERATED JAPAN'S COMMITMENT TO PEACE,
"PERMANENTLY REJECTING THE OPTION OF BECOMING A
MILITARY POWER." PM ALSO REJECTED SUGGESTIONS HE WAS
DISSATISFIED W/US MEASURES BOLSTER DOLLAR AGAINST
YEN/RENEWED APPEAL FOR FREE TRADE (ARKUS, REUTER 5/4;
SALPUKAS, NYT; LESCAZE, WP; CARTER, NYDN; WELS, JOC;
AP).

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) SAYS GOJ/JAPANESE BUSINESS
LEADERS GENERALLY APPROVED FUKUDA'S STATEMENT THIS WK
THAT JAPAN WOULD EXPERIENCE "CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES"
IN REDUCING CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS THIS FY. KYODO
WASHINGTON REPORT NOTES THAT WHILE JAPAN CONFIDENT IT
COULD ACHIEVE "SHARP REDUCTIONS" IN SURPLUS, FUKUDA
GAVE CARTER NO DEFINITE DOLLAR FIGURE.

NARITA AIRPORT OPPONENTS SET FIRE TO 4 PASSENGER
TRAIN CARS AT DEPOT NEAR NARITA THURS (REUTER NARITA).
CULLISON REPORTS ONLY LEGITIMATE PASSENGERS WILL BE
ALLOWED ENTER NARITA AIRPORT WHEN IT OPENS 5/20, IN
ATTEMPT PREVENT LEFT-WING EXTREMISTS FROM USING
GUERRILLA TACTICS TO DISRUPT FACILITY.

JAPAN WILLING PREPAY 1-BIL-DOLS FOR US URANIUM-
ENRICHMENT SERVICES IF FUEL EXEMPT FROM DOMESTIC
TAXES WHILE IN STORAGE. PLAN IS PART OF DRIVE CUT
JAPAN'S CURRENT-ACCOUNT SURPLUS/REPORTEDLY HAS US
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE (WSJ).

NISSAN USA SAYS FIRM LIKELY DECLARE "MORATORIUM" ON
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PLANNED EXPANSION DATSUN DEALER NETWORK IN US (WSJ;
NYT).

FUJI BANK EXPECTS YEN SURGE TO NEW POSTWAR HIGHS

AGAINST DOLLAR W/IN NEXT FEW MONTHS--PROBABLY DURING BONN ECON SUMMIT NEXT JULY BANK.ADDED GOJ'S NEW EXPORT-CURBING POLICY "NEITHER SUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE IN SCOPE NOR DESIGNED FOR FORCIBLE IMPLEMENTATION" (REUTER TOKYO 5/4).

JAPAN'S 13 LARGEST COMMERICAL BANKS ALLOWED SELL GOJ BONDS TO INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS BEGINNING 4/1 (UPI, JOC).

WP'S CHAPMAN (TOKYO) DOES ITEM ON JAPANESE LOAN SHARKS. NOTES PROBLEM MAY BEGIN COME UNDER CONTROL AS GOJ ALLOWS MORE AMERICAN CONSUMER FINANCE FIRMS OPERATE IN JAPAN. TWO OPEN NOW/4 MORE CERTIFIED. US FIRMS CHARGE 48 PCT INTEREST--BUT PRICE CONSIDERED REAL BARGAIN IN JAPAN.

SOME 500 JAPANESE PACIFISTS/SURVIVORS OF HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI ATOMIC ATTACKS WILL VISIT US THIS MONTH TO APPEAL FOR TOTAL BAN ON NUKE WEAPONS. GROUP'S SPOKESMAN SAID TRIP SCHEDULED COINCIDE W/UN SPECIAL GENRL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT, OPENING 5/23 (REUTER TOKYO).

4. JAPAN/CHINA

CHINA WILL PLACE ORDER W/JAPANESE ELECTRIC FIRM FOR 133-MIL-DOL COLOR TV TUBE PLANT, SLATED FOR CONSTRUCTION IN HSIAO. DEAL TO INCLUDE TRAINING OF PLANT WORKERS (UPI, JOC).

5. CHINA

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WSJ ITEM REPORTS BRZEZINSKI "DRAWS FIRE" FOR REFUSING LET REPORTERS ACCOMPANY HIM TO PRC. SAYS "WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB" SENDS HIM LTR OF PROTEST; CRITICS SEE BREACH OF CARTER'S "OPEN DIPLOMACY" PLEDGE; SOME SPECULATION BRZEZINSKI WANTS ELIMINATE HAK "MYSTIQUE."

PREMIER HUA ARRIVED PYONGYANG FRI, GIVEN "HEART-WARMING WELCOME" AT RR STATION BY KIM IL SUNG, ACCORDING NCNA; ALSO GREETED BY THOUSANDS AT SINUIJU. REUTER (PEKING) SAYS HE'S EXPECTED REMAIN NK ABOUT 4 DAYS.

TWENTY-MAN PRC TRADE DEL DEU ARRIVE LONDON 5/5 FOR 3 WKS' TALKS W/GOVT MINISTERS/INDUSTRY REPS/TREASURY OFFICIALS (JOC).

PRC'S "COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE" WILL HOLD OCT CONGRESS--ITS FIRST IN 14 YRS, CCP CENTRAL CMTE ANNOUNCED THURS. ADDED THAT PREPARATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR RESUMED PUBLICA-

TION 3 YOUTH NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES (REUTER PEKING 5/4).

6. CHINA/REFUGEES

TAIPEI POLICE SAID FRI THAT 32 VN WHO FLED SRV MONTH AGO IN BOAT ARRIVED 5/5 AT KAOHSIUNG PORT, AFTER BEING ADRIFT PAST 8 DAYS. REFUGEES, INCLUDING 4 CHILDREN, SOUGHT HELP FOR MIGRATION TO US/CANADA/OR FRANCE, ACCORDING IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES (REUTER TAIPEI).

7. AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA STATE PREMIER DUNSTAN BEGINS 5-DAY NY VISIT 5/6, ACCOMPANIED BY GOA OFFICIALS/SEVERAL S AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN. DUNSTAN ALSO SCHEDULED VISIT WASH-UNCLASSIFIED

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INGTON/CHICAGO/FRISCO.

8. VIETNAM

FINDINGS ABOUT RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF STOLEN DOS CABLES BECAME KNOWN THURS WHEN DEPT'S DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT READ INTO RECORD AT TRUONG/HUMPHREY TRIAL. ASSESSMENT DETERMINED 63 CABLES ALLEGEDLY STOLEN FROM USIA/PASSED HANOI OFFICIALS INCLUDED LITTLE INFO OF SENSITIVE NATURE. ACCORDING ANOTHER DOCUMENT PRESENTED AT TRIAL, LACK OF IMPORTANCE PLACED ON CABLES PROMPTED FBI COMPLAIN TO DOS THAT ASSESSMENT "WOULD GIVE THE PROSECUTORS TROUBLE"/TO ORDER 2 MORE ASSESSMENTS DONE.

ASSESSMENT SEEN AS IMPORTANT IN TRIAL, BECAUSE IT BRINGS INTO QUESTION MOST SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST HUMPHREY/TRUONG-- THAT THEY DELIVERED NATL DEFENSE INFO TO SRV. THEIR DEFENSE CONTENDS THEY ARE INNOCENT OF ESPIONAGE CHARGES BECAUSE THEY DEALT ONLY IN "DIPLOMATIC CHIT CHAT"/OTHER HARMLESS INFO. FBI'S MARSLAND TESTIFIED THAT HE THOUGHT "LIGHT" DAMAGE ASSESSMENT MADE BY DOS' FORMER VLC DIRECTOR ROSENTHAL WAS NOT CONSISTENT W/DOS DEP SECY'S ASSESSMENT THAT DEPT'S SECURITY HAD BEEN COMPROMISED/ PENETRATED (BURNHAM, NYT; SEABERRY, WP).

IN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT ISSUING NEW CURRENCY, SRV ORDERED ALL PERSONS, INCL FOREIGNERS, EXCHANGE OLD NOTES W/IN ONE WK. RADIO HANOI SAID DONG WOULD BE NEW OFFICIAL CURRENCY/ FON EXCHANGE VALUES OF NEW NOTES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER. IN VN, NEW DONG WILL BE EXCHANGED ON ONE-TO-ONE

BASIS W/OLD DONG IN NORTH; BUT OLD DONG IN SOUTH WILL FETCH ONLY 80 CENTS, SINCE SOUTHERN CURRENCY HAS BEEN WORTH 20 CENTS MORE THERE SINCE WAR (AP/UPI, BANGKOK).

9. INDONESIA
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GOI AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED W S RENDRA, LEADING INDO
POET/ACTOR, ON CHARGES INCITING AGAINST GOVT IN HIS
POETRY READINGS. AP (JAKARTA, WP 5/4) SAYS AUTHORITIES
ARRESTED 3 LEADING DISSIDENTS LAST MONTH ON CHARGES OF
MISLEADING PEOPLE THRU THEIR LECTURES. ANOTHER DETAINEE,
FORMER FINANCE MIN SYAFRUDDIN PRAWIRANEGARA, ARRESTED
3 WKS AGO FOR INSTIGATING AGAINST GOI, RELEASED WEDS.

10. GENERAL

SINGAPORE-BASED ASIAN DOL MRKT GREW IN MARCH TO TOTAL
22.8 BIL DOLS--MAINLY FROM TRANSACTIONS W/BANKS OUTSIDE
SINGAPORE (UPI SINGAPORE, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CHINA

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) OBSERVES PREMIER HUA'S NK TRIP IS
BELIEVED PART OF EFFORT GIVE "RELATIVELY INEXPERIENCED
57-YR-OLD CHINESE LEADER" GREATER INTL CREDIBILITY.
SUGGESTS VISIT ALSO REFLECTS MORE ACTIVE FON POLICY
PEKING HAS PURSUED SINCE PURGE "GANG OF 4"/RESTORATION
POL STABILITY. SAYS FON TRIP MIGHT SERVE CREATE GREATER
CONFIDENCE IN HUA, BOTH IN PRC/ABROAD; AND CHINA'S
ALLY, NK, IS LOGICAL CHOICE FOR HUA'S 1ST JOURNEY.

BUTTERFIELD SUGGESTS HUA'S NK TRIP MAY REMOVE PSYCHOLOGICAL
BARRIER THAT SEEMS TO HAVE KEPT CHINA'S LEADERS AT HOME
FOR DECADE. NOTES THAT IN ITS NEWLY ACTIVE DIPLOMACY,
PEKING HAS GIVEN PRIORITY TO IMPROVED RELS W/ASIAN
NEIGHBORS, BOTH TO COUNTER SOVIET INFLUENCE AND TO BUILD
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UP ITS OWN PRESTIGE.

AFP'S BIANNIC (PEKING) REPORTS FRIENDLY YOUNG CHINESE
APPROACHED FON STUDENT RECENTLY ON CITY BUS; TOTALLY AT
EASE UNDER CURIOUS/NOT HOSTILE PASSENGERS' STARES, BEGAN
CONVERSATION W/HIM, EXPRESSED WISH SEE HIM AGAIN.
OBSERVES THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN UNTHINKABLE NOT LONG AGO;
BUT, SINCE MAO'S DEATH/DISGRACE "GANG OF 4," NEW/MORE
PERMISSIVE SOCIETY, LESS OBSESSED W/REVOLUTIONARY SLOGANS/
MORE CONCERNED W/QUALITY OF LIFE, HAS BEEN EVOLVING IN
CHINA. BIANNIC REPORTS GIRLS GIVING UP "UBIQUITOUS PAIR
OF PLAITS" FOR PERMANENT AT HAIRDRESSER'S; YOUNG/NOT-SO-

YOUNG WEAR COLORED SHIRTS, WHILE TROUSERS BEGINNING LOSE BAGGY LOOK POPULARIZED BY REGIME IN '49. THINGS ALSO CHANGED AMONG MEN, WITH NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN LAST FEW MONTHS IN WEARING OF MUSTACHES, PREVIOUSLY FORBIDDEN AS SIGN OF DECADENCE (LAT 5/3).

12. GENERAL

"GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE" SPONSORS HALF-PG NYT AD URGING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, US ENHANCE TREATY RELS/DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS W/ROC/ROK/PHILS/JAPAN/OTHER FREE ASIAN NATIONS, REMAIN "STRONG DETERRENT POWER" IN SK. CONDEMNS PRC/SAYS US SHOULD REFRAIN FROM MOVES TOWARD NORMALIZATION. EXPRESSES HOPE BRZEZINSKI'S "PEIPING" (SIC) VISIT WILL "NOT BE DETRIMENTAL" TO US-ROC DEFENSE COMMITMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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